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1. Jews reported influenced by economic factors--According to US Consul Lippincott in Haifa, many observers believe that both the current drain on the Provisional Government's financial resources and the economic disruption of the country caused by the maintenance of a large body of armed forces have created an impossible situation for the Israeli regime, necessitating immediate action despite the truce. Lippincott also reports the unanimous conviction of neutral observers that the Jews are about to make a determined attempt to take all of Jerusalem and may succeed within a week.

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